

FAST FACTS**City of Charleston**

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LAND AREA

Peninsula land area
Total City area (excluding water)
Total City area (including water)

2017

approx. 8.0 sq miles
approx. 112 sq miles
approx. 134 sq miles

CENSUS DEMOGRAPHICS

City of Charleston Total Population
West Ashley
Peninsula
James Island
Johns Island
Daniel Island/Cainhoy
Charleston-North Charleston-Summerville MSA
City Racial Breakdown

2000

96,650
45,954
35,157
12,741
1,676
1,122
549,033
34.0% Black
63.0% White

2010

120,083
54,239
34,636
17,847
5,266
8,095
664,607
25.6% Black
68.6% White

City Per Capita Income
City Median Household Income
City Median Family Income
City Persons Per Household

\$22,414
\$35,295
\$48,705
2.23

\$30,763
\$49,448
\$67,400
2.18

(Source: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial census data & American Community Survey data)

POPULATION ESTIMATES

City of Charleston Total Population
West Ashley
Peninsula
James Island
Johns Island
Daniel Island/Cainhoy

2016

137,447
60,878
35,972
20,416
8,119
12,062

2017

142,848
63,239
37,079
20,780
8,628
13,122

(Source: City of Charleston building permit and annexation data)

BUILDING PERMITS (residential)

Total Single & Multi-Family Unit Permits Issued
West Ashley
Peninsula
James Island
Johns Island
Daniel Island/Cainhoy

2015

2,055
518
61
89
535
852

2016

2,862
1,233
596
199
271
563

(Source: City of Charleston building permit data)

ANNEXATION

Area Annexed
Persons Annexed
Housing Units Annexed

2015

291.41 acres
65
26

2016

38.97 acres
73
29